

# MARIN SCUBA CLUB NEWSLETTER

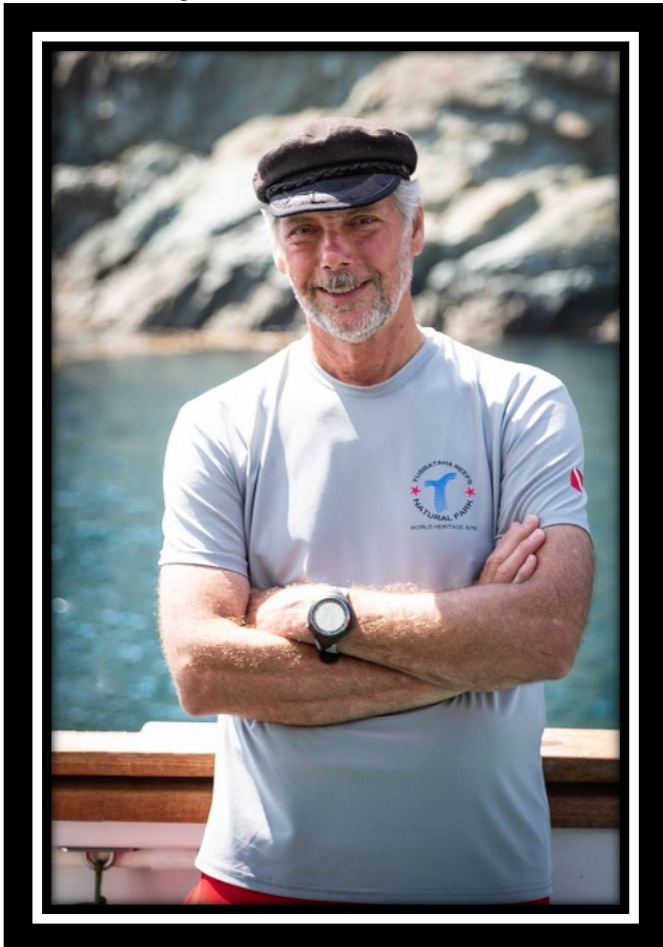
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## **Wed., June 9 Zoominar: Mark Stanley, Co-Owner, “What’s New at The Old Bamboo Reef?”**

For our next meeting, Marin Scuba Club is pleased to present the co-owner of one of San Francisco’s oldest dive shops — where many of our current and past members were certified.

Mark said, “Diving for over 20 years and teaching for 16 years, diving is my passion and I use any excuse to get underwater. It is one of the reasons I started teaching.



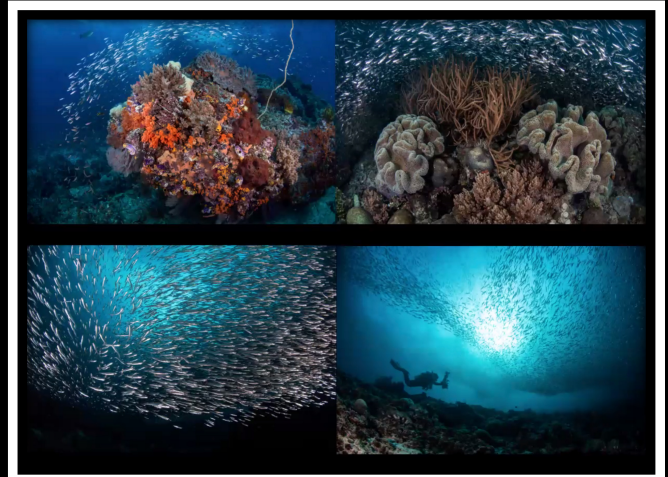
“Diving has taken me all around the world and to places I never dreamed of visiting. I have been to the tropical waters of the South Pacific and to the chilly waters of Iceland. I enjoy diving with big animals and so my favorite spots are the Galapagos and Socorro.

***See page 2 for more about Mark Stanley***

## **May Meeting Recap: Alex Rose, “From Pole to Pole: Exploration With A Purpose”**

Alex is an amazing diver, photographer, science editor, explorer, and environmentalist.

She presented a dazzling array of images and shared interesting anecdotes from her Elysium Epic Trilogy to the Antarctic, Coral Triangle, and Arctic. She hopes her trips inspire a greater understanding of these precious areas and draw attention to their impacts on climate change.



We learned that:

- Sea ice is the basis of the food chain
- There are >1,000 species of ice algae
- Reefs generate oxygen, food, jobs, blue carbon, recreation, medicine, biodiversity hotspots, and a nursery for juvenile fish

***See page 2 for more on Alex Rose***

## More About Mark Stanley & Bamboo Reef

"We are fortunate to have an amazing place to dive in our backyard, so I am down in Monterey diving two to three times a month."

After retiring from one profession, Mark Stanley and his son Brian purchased Bamboo Reef San Francisco and Monterey in 2016. The SF shop was founded in 1961 by Al Giddings, then owned and operated by Sal Zammitti from 1972 to 2016. One of the Stanley's goals has been to upgrade and expand services at both shops.

Join us on Wednesday, June 9, from 7:00–8:45pm for an informative discussion on what's new at Bamboo Reef with the latest innovations in dive gear, advanced and technical classes, freediving, monthly fun and upcoming dive trips, its online store, how COVID changed their class structure, and great stories about a lifetime underwater.



**Saturday, 6/26  
BYOB &  
Vegetarian  
Potluck  
Summer  
Social** at  
Jeffrey and  
Simma's lovely  
Farm Home in  
Sebastopol.

Evites have been sent. Please RSVP and sign-up for a dish to share with your fellow members.

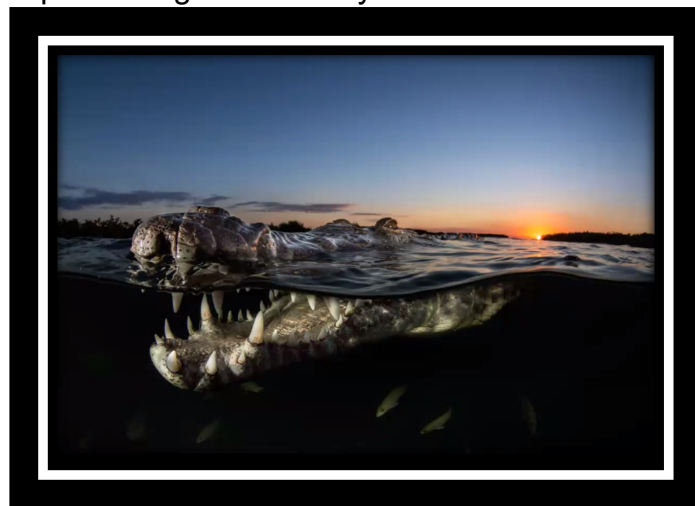
**Join The World's Largest Synchronized Virtual Dive: Mon., June 7<sup>th</sup>, 5pm PT with The Hydrous.** To kick off World Ocean Week, 2021, our friends at The Hydrous and their film/VR partners will deploy an immersive dive experience: "Expedition Palau".



It will integrate a live streamed video presentation with 360° film through a free, easy-to-use app. Join fellow divers — virtually — from all over the world. "The ocean is too good not to share."

## More About Alex Rose

Alex also told us that Raja Ampat is home to the planet's healthiest reefs and mangroves... that though Clipperton Island is the world's most remote atoll, it's tragically covered in plastic... that Cuba's Gardens of the Queen are "the sharkiest place in the Caribbean" (especially for Silky Sharks), and that they're a terrific site to capture images of friendly American Crocodiles.



*Everyone smiles at sunsets in Cuba.*

For more info about Alex Rose, and to "Mery™ the Ocean" for only \$25 annually (*it's not bigamy... I checked*), visit [www.BlueRing.blue](http://www.BlueRing.blue).

**There's Still Time to Renew  
Your 2021 Membership for 50% Off  
or You Can Join Now.**

Your club's Board has decided not to charge late fees for 2021 member renewals, so they'll remain at \$25 for singles and \$35 for couples. To renew your membership, complete an online form: <https://marinclub.org/membership/>.

Or to join Marin Scuba Club as a new member, you'll pay full rate of \$50 per year for an individual membership or \$79 for a couple: <https://marinclub.org/membership/new-membership/>.

*Each couples member can check off your Release of Liability with online forms.*

Attend a meeting if you want to learn more before joining: <https://marinclub.org/>.

We look forward to welcoming new members!

# BOTTOM TIMES

**WE WILL DECIDE TO MEET IN PERSON OR ZOOM ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE EACH MONTHLY MEETING, OR WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFO IN ADVANCE FOR EACH DIVE TRIP.**

**June 9 (Wed): Mark Stanley, Co-Owner, “What’s New at The Old [Bamboo Reef?](#)”, San Francisco.** Mark will discuss his decades of diving and co-owning one of the city’s oldest dive shops. Zoom Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

**June 26 (Sat): BYOB & Vegetarian Potluck Summer Social at Jeffrey and Simma’s Farm Home.** Evites have been sent. Please RSVP, ASAP, and sign-up for a dish to share.

**July 14 (Wed): Tim Elliott, “Scuba Therapy: Imaging The Possibilities,” Director / Founder, [www.DiveHeart.org](http://www.DiveHeart.org).** Zoom / Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm. *For this and future meetings, if Marin County allows groups of 25 or more to meet indoors or outdoors, we will decide whether to gather in person or via Zoom about one month prior.*

**July 16 – 28 (Fri – Sun): Channel Islands Dive Trip. SOLD OUT!**

**Aug 11 (Wed): Mike Bartick, “Blackwater, The Ultimate Photo Op”.** Zoom/Club Mtg, 7:00-8:45pm.

**August 20 – 22: Summer Dine & Dive: Reserved for Ocean Cove.** Details to come from Barb.

**September 8 (Wed): Speaker – To Be Determined.** Zoom/Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

**October 1-3 (Fri – Sun): Lake Tahoe Diving / Camping Trip.** Details to come from Ken Carter.

**October 13 (Wed): David McGuire – “Sharktober”– Details TBD.** Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

**October 23 – 30: Cabo Pulmo / La Paz, Mexico:** This trip has been fully rebooked with 21 MSC members for arrival Saturday, October 23, 2021 for a 7-night stay. Some members will be flying home on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and 10 members are taking a van to La Paz for whale shark snorkeling. Contact [blwambach@comcast.net](mailto:blwambach@comcast.net) for details.

**November 10 (Wed): Mike Boom – “Egypt Above and Below” + “Sexual Frenzy in Catalina” (a short show).** Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

**December 5 (Sun): Save the Date for our Holiday Party at Barb’s. BYOB Potluck. Details to come.**

**Spring 2022: Philippines El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera.** Rescheduling is on hold until travel is safe. Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: [relations@marinclub.org](mailto:relations@marinclub.org).

**We promote safe diving.  
Remember to always plan your dive based on the conditions,  
be aware of your skills and equipment, and, above all,  
always stay with your buddy.**



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**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, June 9:**  
**Mark Stanley, Co-Owner,**  
**"What's New at The**  
**Old Bamboo Reef?**

**(ZOOM ONLINE MEETING)**

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR**  
**MEMBERSHIP NOW**  
**FOR 2021.**

**The Club now meets on**  
**the 2nd Wednesday**  
**each month.**

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